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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF**  
**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

18 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALLEN DULLES

SUBJECT: U-2 Follow-On Program

1. In view of recent events leading up to the final determination of a successor aircraft for the U-2, I am taking this opportunity to assure you of the Air Force's continuing interest in the project on the same joint basis as our participation in the U-2 program.

2. In this regard, I refer to the original agreement of August 1955 which outlined and defined in rather broad terms the areas of responsibility of your Agency and the Air Force. I believe the intent of the basic concepts and organizational structure agreed to in this document continue to be valid. I feel, however, that after four years' experience and the somewhat altered circumstances in terms of time to the production of a usable article and the November 1957 memorandum from Defense in terms of Air Force responsibility, that a review of this document would be profitable and insure an orderly continuation of the joint functions of the Air Force and Central Intelligence.

3. I have directed Colonel Geary to meet as soon as possible with your designated representatives to review our original document and suggest such changes or additions as would be mutually agreeable and beneficial.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas D. White", is written over the typed name.

THOMAS D. WHITE  
Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

USAF review(s) completed.

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